

In their effort to assume an offensive in the Divink region by the mid weather, which threatens to initiate their trenches in the marshy ground. From Flanders to Alsace spirited encounters are taking place. The center of the hardest fighting are in the Ardennes and south of the Somme, where the French are giving the Germans no respite in their efforts to recover the positions taken by the Kaiser's troops in their recent smashing assaults.

The advance made by the French in the sector to the northeast of the Pute du Meuse in the Champagne was preceded by a heavy artillery fire, after which the French artillery column charged, using hand grenades. A counter attack by the Germans was completely repulsed. The French taking prisoners one officer and sixty-four men.

After artillery preparation the Germans made several attempts to cross the Yser canal near Steenstraete and Hef-Bas, but were repulsed. The Germans removed their attack in the Champagne, but were unable to recover the ground taken by the French. An attack by the Germans on the position of the British near Pilkem, in Belgium, gave the attackers a footing in the trenches, but bombing parties soon drove them out again. Further attacks by the Germans on the Pilkem road were repulsed.

Italians in Albania.

Italian forces have appeared in the Balkans, fighting their first battle in the new theater near Tirana, attacking the Austrians on the heights near the Albanian town. According to Austrian reports, Italian forces in large numbers have been concentrated near Durazzo, and it is believed in Vienna that a decisive battle in Albania between the Austrian and Italian armies is near.

A dispatch from Rome says that in Paris says the strength of the Austrian force now marching upon Durazzo is estimated at 30,000 men. The rest of the invading army, the dispatch states, is engaged in guarding the country behind the advancing troops.

The allies are strengthening their position around Salomiki in preparation for eventualities. The Vardar, northwest of the city, has been crossed by the French, who have encamped on the right bank of the river.

Advance in Mesopotamia.

The columns under General Aymer and Campbell, marching to the relief of the British troops surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, has advanced twelve miles along the banks of the Tigris river, despite the stout opposition of the Turks and interference of hurricanes with military operations. The British forces captured the positions held by the Turks five miles above Shik, after a two-day battle, the Turks losing 2,000 dead, wounded, or captured.

ROME, Feb. 12.—French Premier Briand left Rome last night for the Italian front, where he will hold an important conference with King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna.

As a result of the French premier's visit, it is officially announced that the allied governments have agreed to hold a joint military and political council in Paris. This meeting it is stated, will be preceded by a joint conference of the allied general staff.

A dispatch from Paris asserts that the announcement in the French capital that the council would be held in that city was hailed with the greatest enthusiasm as an indication of the recognition of French supremacy in the management of the allies' activities in the war, both military and diplomatic.

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NATION-WIDE SEARCH FOR "POISON" CHEF

Police of Every Large City Asked to Keep Watch for Jean Cronos.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Police of every large city in the United States were asked this morning to aid in the search for Jean Cronos, alleged anarchist.

In his mind—a brain inflamed by reading I. W. W. and "red flag" literature—the police believe a deliberate plot was hatched to poison the 40 distinguished Chicagoans at the Thursday night banquet tendered the new archbishop, George W. Mundelein, in the University Club.

Physicians and chemists declare that the poison plot failed, principally because the plotters miscalculated and put into the soup an overdose of arsenic. This caused the diners who partook of the soup course to become so violently ill that they expelled the poison before it had time to have fatal results.

Even now all danger is not past, chemists declare, because the plotters are still very ill from the effects of the poison.

Cronos' "Comrade" Arrested.

John Allegretti, a close friend of and "comrade" in anarchy with Cronos, who was an assistant chef at the University Club, was taken into custody by the police late last night. He is being held incommunicado in the belief that he can give some trace of Cronos' movements after he disappeared from sight Thursday night.

Federal Judge George A. Carpenter, vice president of the University Club, gave out the following statement this morning:

"The directors of the University Club report that they have had made by Dr. Ralph W. Webster, of the Chicago laboratories, a chemical analysis of the samples of the soup served at the dinner at the Catholic Extension Society, Thursday, February 10, 1916, and that Dr. Webster reports finding arsenic present in abundant amount, absolutely no trace of mercury, and no trace of verdigris or any other material which could have come from the copper kettle in which the soup was prepared. It is believed that further complications are not likely."

Possibility of Federal intervention into the case was disclosed when Hinton O. Clabaugh, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, went to Cronos' room in Prairie avenue again this morning. He is interested especially in the possibility of Cronos' having confederates in his activities, and in the reports that the attempted poisoning was a part of a wider plot.

Cronos' room, which contains a complete poison laboratory, is still guarded by two policemen. The bottles will not be removed until tomorrow.

Cronos is described by the police as follows:

"About thirty years old, 5 feet 7

Assists at Impressive Dedication of Chapel Of the Transfiguration



REV. HORACE WOOD STOWELL.

The dedicatory ceremony held at the Chapel of the Transfiguration, Gallatin street, between Fourteenth and Piney Branch roads, today was an imposing event attended by many dignitaries of the church and members of the congregation.

The first services in the new church were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Buck, rector of St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek, assisted by the minister in charge, the Rev. Horace Wood Stowell.

The sermon was preached by Canon DeVries, of the Cathedral, Diocese of Washington. In addition to the regular ceremonial service, there was a celebration of the holy communion and a specially selected musical program by the choir of the church.

At the 8 o'clock service this evening the Dr. Buck will preach.

Inches in height, weight about 145 pounds, smooth face, dark, bushy hair, inclined to be curly; wore a dark suit, light gray overcoat, white turned down shirt collar, with a black ribbon Windsor tie.

He is said to have come here from St. Louis.

"From my investigation I learned the man we are after was inclined to socialism and was a follower of Emma Goldman and the I. W. W.," said Captain Collins.

The books and papers in Cronos' room deal principally with anarchy. There were volumes by Emma Goldman and a number of I. W. W. publications. It was said by employees of the University Club kitchen that Cronos was in the habit of discussing these theories with his fellow-workers.

ONLY ONE WARSHIP GUARDING RAIDERS

Escape of Interned Steamers From South America Brings Norfolk Problem to Front.

The escape of two interned German steamers from South American ports and the futile attempt of a third to escape, brought before Navy Department officials today the question of increasing the warship patrol at Hampton Roads to prevent any attempt at escape by the two German cruisers interned there.

There is a large colony of German sailors, naval officers at Norfolk, where the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and the Kronprinz Wilhelm are interned, and where the German prize ship Appam is held temporarily awaiting a decision by the United States as to its status.

Only one United States warship is on hand to guard the three German vessels. This is the battleship Vermont, and it has not a full complement of board.

Outside the capes, however, there are British and French cruisers waiting to take a hand in the game if an attempt at escape were made.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said today that the Navy Department had not decided to increase its warship guard at Hampton Roads. No official report of the escape of the German vessels from South American ports had been received.

The escape of the German merchantmen is taken to indicate that Germany is preparing for a new campaign of commerce raiding against vessels of the entente allies. Since the capture of the Appam by a German raider there have been reports that a number of vessels have been fitted out as raiders since the war began.

U. S. Officials Sure

No Ships Will Try To Escape From New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Reports that two German merchant steamers dashed out of South American ports without clearance papers, caused no concern among customs officials here today. They accused the big German liners lying in the New York harbor, might risk escaping into the Atlantic.

Wild reports that the Vaterland and other German vessels intended to rush out to sea without clearance papers have reached the customs house, officials several times since the outbreak of the war, but each time have been found to be without foundation. On one occasion it was rumored that the Vaterland had taken on large supplies of coal and was preparing for flight.

British warships continue to patrol the Atlantic coast, lying only a few miles outside New York harbor and officials believe none of the big steamers would risk capture.

The report of the escape of the German steamers Bahrenfeld and Turpin from the ports of Buenos Aires and Punta Arenas, was received in a Buenos Aires dispatch to the New York Sun. A third vessel tried to escape from a Brazilian port, but was stopped by a Brazilian warship.

NEWLANDS TO PUSH POWER PLANT FIGHT

Conference Report Expected to Be Called in the Senate Tomorrow.

When Senator Martin calls up the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill in the Senate tomorrow, Senator Newlands will continue his objection to the construction of the central heating and power plant at Fourteenth and Water streets.

Although the conferees struck out of the bill the Newlands amendment prohibiting the construction of this plant on the proposed site because it would be "a blot on the landscape," the objecting Nevada Senator has announced his intention of keeping up the fight.

Senator Newlands intends to carry his opposition to the floor of the Senate and argue against the adoption of the conference report in the upper house. Indications today were that both houses probably would pass the urgent deficiency bill as reported by the conferees.

Objectors to the construction of the plant in Water street, near Potomac Park, are understood to be holding daily conferences in Washington with a view of accumulating all possible information and data which will continue the fight until both houses have finally acted on the bill. They are understood to be collecting information on the easements of the present heating buildings and working up plans providing for extensions and enlargements which would, in their minds, eliminate the necessity for a central plant.

Some of the objectors were authority for the statement today that their conferees at the Treasury Department had encouraged them to believe that officials there may abandon the central plant idea in deference to the public opinion in the matter. Any such inference as this was declared unwarranted by Treasury officials today.

Branch for Late Mails.

A night station, at which mail may be registered between the hours of 9 p. m. and 1 a. m., has been established at the Postoffice. Money orders and stamps of all kinds will be sold at the night station, which also will remain open on Sundays and holidays.

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lady to make a public exhibition of his or her tender emotions tomorrow. To paraphrase a once popular expression, "There will be few refraining from doing it."

Arm in arm St. Valentine and Cupid will trip their way through Washington tomorrow, a hymenial holiday, acting as good Samaritans to the shy man.

Although the shy one on ordinary days has to labor hard and struggle against a world of embarrassment to express his deepest sentiments, tomorrow he can, for a 24-hour period, command the services of poets and near poets to express his feelings toward his Dulcinea, del Toboso.

Red hearts, the big, expensive kind that readers are led to believe best within the bosom of Cupid's hopeless victims, will predominate tomorrow. Of course, the small boys will hang the door bells and circulate comic valentines galore, but they will reform in a few years, and be peddling big red hearts before long.

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\$5.00 Extra Size Skirts... \$2.99

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\$5.00 Women's Raincoats... \$2.90

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

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Maryland—Probably snow this afternoon or tonight. Monday fair and continued cold. Strong north winds.

Virginia—Snow this afternoon and tonight; much colder tonight; cold waves in south portion.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m. 31
10 a. m. 32
11 a. m. 33
12 noon 34
1 p. m. 34

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Sun rose 6:52 Sun sets 5:30

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